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FOR TREASURY, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, US, BE

SUBJECT: BELGIAN BANKING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S.  
BANK DISCLOSURES

1. THE BELGIAN BANKING COMMISSION HAS APPROACHED US INFORMALLY TO ASK IF USG AGENCIES CAN, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY EXAMINER REPORTS RECENTLY LEAKED TO THE PRESS. COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EXTENT AND NATURE OF PROBLEMS OF BANKS MENTIONED, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH BRANCHES HERE. AS BELGIAN BANKING SYSTEM HAS DEPOSITS IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT U.S. BANKS, HOWEVER, COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT DIFFICULTIES OF OTHER BANKS AS WELL, EVEN IF UNREPRESENTED HERE. OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SPOKE TERMED DISCLOSURES AS "ALARMING", AND SAID THAT COMMISSION IS FRANKLY CONFUSED AND DISTURBED BY VAGUE AND CONTRADICTORY PRESS TREATMENT THAT AFFAIR HAS PRODUCED SO FAR.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT RESPONSE WE SHOULD PROVIDE TO  
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